

### **Remark**

By this amendment, claims 1- 2, 5-12, and 15-18 have been amended, Claims 19-25 have been added. Hence, claims 1-25 are presented for examination. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

### **Conclusion**

If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (303) 740-1980.

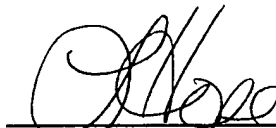
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**MARKED VERSION**

**In The Claims:**

Presented below are the claims, as amended, showing additions in underlined text and deletions in brackets.

1 1. (Twice Amended) A method of facilitating person-to-person commerce  
2 over a network, the method comprising [the steps of]:  
3 harvesting user-specified images from a plurality of sites based upon user-  
4 supplied information, the user-supplied information including  
5 descriptions of items for sale and locations from which user-  
6 specified images to be associated with the items can be retrieved;  
7 creating thumbnail images corresponding to the harvested user-specified  
8 images; and  
9 aggregating the thumbnail images onto a web page for presentation at a  
10 remote site.

1 2. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein [the step of] said  
2 creating thumbnail images corresponding to the harvested user-specified  
3 images comprises [the steps of]:  
4 for each harvested user-specified image

5 decompressing the harvested user-specified image from a source format  
6 to a decompressed image format;  
7 converting the decompressed image format to a thumbnail image format;  
8 and  
9 compressing the thumbnail image format into an output format.

1 5. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the locations comprise  
2 Uniform Resource Locators (URLs), and wherein [the step of] harvesting  
3 user-specified images from a plurality of sites based upon user-supplied  
4 information comprises [the step of] downloading the user-specified images  
5 from the plurality of sites specified by the URLs.

1 6. (Twice Amended) A method of displaying items in a person-to-person  
2 online trading environment, the method comprising [the steps of]:  
3 storing at a local site a first thumbnail image associated with a first item for  
4 sale, the first thumbnail image created based on a first user-  
5 specified image at a first remote site;  
6 storing at the local site a second thumbnail image associated with a  
7 second item for sale, the second thumbnail image created based  
8 upon a second user-specified image at a second remote site; and  
9 combining the first and second thumbnail images onto a web page for  
10 presentation at a third remote site.

1 7. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising [the step of]  
2 harvesting the first and second user-specified images from the first and  
3 second remote sites, respectively, based upon user-supplied information  
4 including Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) from which the first and  
5 second user-specified images can be retrieved.

1 8. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising [the step of]  
2 scaling the first and second user-specified images to fit within a  
3 predetermined space.

1 9. (Once Amended) A method of accessing a database, the method  
2 comprising [the steps of]:  
3 loading a database comprising a plurality of thumbnail images completely  
4 into a virtual address space of a process starting at a first address;  
5 and  
6 retrieving a thumbnail image of the plurality of thumbnail images from the  
7 database by indexing into the virtual address space at a location  
8 defined by the first address plus an offset corresponding to the  
9 thumbnail image.

1 10. (Once Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein [the step of] said loading  
2 a database comprising a plurality of thumbnail images completely into a  
3 virtual address space of a process starting at a first address comprises  
4 opening the database as a memory mapped file.

1 11. (Once Amended) A method of generating HyperText Markup Language  
2 (HTML), the method comprising [the steps of]:

3 accessing a data store having data for display, the data including  
4 information associated with an item including an item number; and  
5 generating HTML including a reference to an image associated with the  
6 item, the reference based upon the item number and an image  
7 format associated with the image.

1 12. (Once Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the reference  
2 comprises an inline image tag, and wherein [the step of] said generating  
3 HyperText Markup Language (HTML) including a reference to an image  
4 associated with the item comprises specifying the SRC attribute of the  
5 inline image tag in the form <path><item number>.<image extension>,  
6 where <image extension> comprises a three or four character extension  
7 corresponding to the image format.

1 15. (Once Amended) A method of displaying items, the method comprising  
2 [the steps of]:

3 storing in a database a first thumbnail image associated with a first item  
4 for sale, the first thumbnail image created based on a first user-  
5 specified image at a first remote site;

6 storing in the database a second thumbnail image associated with a  
7 second item for sale, the second thumbnail image created based  
8 upon a second user-specified image at a second remote site; and  
9 responsive to a query, combining the first and second thumbnail images  
10 onto a web page for presentation at a client from which the query  
11 originated.

1 16. (Twice Amended) A method of displaying items in [an] a person-to-person  
2 online trading environment, the method comprising [the steps of]:

3 creating a first thumbnail image associated with a first item for sale, the  
4 first thumbnail image based on a first user-specified image at a first  
5 remote site;

6 creating a second thumbnail image associated with a second item for sale,  
7 the second thumbnail image based on a second user-specified  
8 image at a second remote site; and

9 responsive to a user query, combining the first and second thumbnail  
10 images onto a web page for presentation at a client from which the  
11 user query originated.

1 17. (Once Amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising [the step of]  
2 updating the first thumbnail image.

1 18. (Once Amended) [In an online commerce environment, a ] A method of

2 allowing a user to preview a plurality of items for sale[, the method

3 comprising the steps of] comprising:

4 receiving a query; and

5 causing a plurality of thumbnail images corresponding to items that satisfy

6 the user query to be displayed, each of the thumbnail images

7 created based upon a user-specified image.

**Please add the following new claims:**

1 22. - 25 (New)